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AMBASSADOR FROM NAAS

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TAGS:OREP (LEVINSON, JEROME/ NORDLICHT, IRA)

SUBJECT:STAFFDEL LEVINSON/NORDLICHT

REF: STATE 200534, TEHRAN 8158

1. REGRET DELAY. LEVINSON IS ON LEAVE BUT I CALLED ON NORDLICHT AUGUST 19. OUR CONVERSATION WAS ON FAIRLY GENERAL TERMS BUT FOLLOWING MAY BE OF SOME HELP TO YOU. WITH RESPECT TO TOUFANIAN, LEVINSON AND NORDLICHT WISH TO ACCEPT HIS OFFER TO HEAR HIS VERSION OF GRUMMAN MATTER AND POSSIBLY TO RECEIVE SOME DOCUMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT FROM HIM. THEY WISH TO HAVE GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH AMOUZEGAR ON THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES WITH NIOC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN. NORDLICHT NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE A VERY EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION/STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES AND ARE INTERESTED IN SUCH MATTERS AS: DO THE COMPANIES IN EFFECT MAKE ALLOCATION DECISIONS FOR THE OPEC MEMBERS? DOES THIS PREVENT PRICE CUTTING AND IN EFFECT KEEP PRICE STABILITY? WITH ANSARY THEY WISH TO DISCUSS THE OIL FOR ARMS NEGOTIATIONS. (I GAVE HIM VERY GENERAL BRIEFING OF THE CONCEPT.) WITH RESPECT TO THE

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RASHIDIANS, NORDLICHT SIMPLY SAID THAT THEIR NAME HAD COME

UP IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GRUMMAN INVESTIGATION.

2. GRUMMAN TESTIMONY BEFORE COMMITTEE IN EARLY AUGUST WAS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET A VERY CLEAR PICTURE. A GRUMMAN OFFICIAL HAS TOLD ME THAT THE POSSIBLE CONNECTION OF RASHIDIAN WITH THE F-14 WAS PURSUED BY THE COMMITTEE. (ARE THEY COUSINS OF THE LAVIS?) THE SECOND AREA OF INQUIRY INVOLVED A VERY TECHNICAL ISSUE CONCERNING GRUMMAN FEES WHICH I FRANKLY, OVER THE PHONE, DID NOT COMPREHEND. THIS OFFICIAL BELIEVED THAT SO FAR GRUMMAN HAS NOT BEEN IMPLICATED IN ANY SERIOUS WRONGDOING. ROBINSON

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